

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11449–S11504

Measures Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1635–1642. **Page S11488**

Measures Passed:

Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act: By 89 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 324), Senate passed H.R. 3061, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Withdrawn:

Daschle Amendment No. 2044, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

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During consideration of this bill today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 56 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 323), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on Daschle Amendment No. 2044 (listed above).

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Gramm Modified Amendment No. 2055 (to Amendment No. 2044), to preserve the freedom and constitutional rights of firefighters, law enforcement officers and public safety officers, fell when Daschle Amendment No. 2044 (listed above) was withdrawn.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Harkin, Hollings, Inouye, Reid, Kohl, Murray, Landrieu, Byrd, Specter, Graham, Gregg, Craig, Hutchison, Stevens, and DeWine.

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District of Columbia Appropriations Act: Committee on Appropriations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2944, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and the Senate then began consideration of the bill, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Landrieu/DeWine Amendment No. 2106, in the nature of a substitute.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, November 7, 2001, where Senators Allen and Hutchison will be recognized to offer certain amendments, with votes to occur on the amendments.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 325), M. Christina Armijo, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

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By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 326), Karon O. Bowdre, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

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By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 327), Stephen P. Friot, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

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William Walter Mercer, of Montana, to be United States Attorney for the District of Montana for the term of four years.

Thomas E. Moss, of Idaho, to be United States Attorney for the District of Idaho for the term of four years.

J. Strom Thurmond, Jr., of South Carolina, to be the United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina for the term of four years.

Leura Garrett Canary, of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama for the term of four years.

Paul K. Charlton, of Arizona, to be United States Attorney for the District of Arizona for the term of four years.

Sharee M. Freeman, of Virginia, to be Director, Community Relations Service, for a term of four years.

Jeffrey Gilbert Collins, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan for the term of four years.

William S. Duffey, Jr., of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Maxwell Wood, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Dunn Lampton, of Mississippi, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

Juan Carlos Benitez, of Puerto Rico, to be Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices for a term of four years.

Alice Howze Martin, of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama for the term of four years.

Drew Howard Wrigley, of North Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota for the term of four years.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—327)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 2:16 p.m., and adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, November 7, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11504.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NEW FEDERAL FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee met and approved Titles VIII (Forestry) and IX (Energy) of S. 1628, to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, and to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Raymond F. Burghardt, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Larry Miles Dinger, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, Charles Lawrence Greenwood, Jr., of Florida, for rank of Ambassador as Coordinator for Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), Charles Lester Pritchard, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador as Special Envoy for Negotiations with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and United States Representative to the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO), and Darryl Norman Johnson, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Odessa F. Vincent, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after the nominee, who was introduced by District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BIOTERRORISM PREPAREDNESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded hearings to examine the potential threat to America posed by the use of certain biological agents and toxins, focusing on federal, state, and local law enforcement efforts to combat acts of biological terror, including research and public health responders, after receiving testimony from James T. Caruso, Deputy Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and James S. Reynolds, Chief, Terrorism and Violent Crime Section, Criminal Division, both of the Department of Justice; Mayor Steven L. Abrams, Boca Raton,